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## **BOARD MINUTES** **HISTORIC SITES BOARD** **April 19, 2004**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE**

##### **A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information**

- **Call to Order**  
6:35PM
- **Members Present:**
  - Charles Muse
  - Steve Estrada
  - Jim Royle
  - Carmen Lucas
  - Paul Johnson
  - Peggy Lacy
- **Staff Present:**
  - Donna Beddow
  - Gail Wright
- **Staff Absent**
  - Glenn Russell
- **Members Absent**
  - Margie Warner
- **Other General Information - None**

##### **B. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

None

##### **C. Approval of March 2004 Board Minutes**

Steve Estrada moved that the 03/15/2004 minutes be approved with minor corrections.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Johnson

Motion carried 5-0. Paul Johnson abstained

**D. Reports:**

1. Planning Commission Meeting - Donna

**E. Announcements**

1. April 27, 2004 7:30 PM San Diego County Archaeological Society Meeting, Rancho Penasquitos; Lynn Gamble, speaker
2. Wayne Donaldson is the new State Historic Preservation Officer

**ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Public Comment** - none

**B. Presentations** - None

**ACTION ITEMS****ITEM 3 – HIDDEN LAKE RANCH HOUSE MAA04-001**

**Applicant:** Christopher John & Patria Jean Thompson

**Location:** 9556 Del Dios Highway, Escondido, CA

**Description:** The Hidden Lake Ranch House was built in 1929 in the Spanish Eclectic style. The building was constructed of stabilized adobe brick with round timbers in the ceilings and a white stucco finish inside and out. Above the windows and doors are exposed timber lintels and the concrete floors are covered with mission floor tiles. Verandas are found on the east side of the house and command a view of Lake Hodges and beyond. The low-pitched, end-gable roof is covered with hand-made mission roof tiles. The roof extends to cover the tiled verandas. The one-story plan is cross-gabled. A large double garage supports guest quarters above. The latter also has a veranda on the east side. Additions to the house were constructed between 1947 and 1996 and are consistent in architectural style and materials with the original construction. Neither the architect nor builders are known.

Jim Royle, Chuck Muse and Paul Johnson visited the site. Larry Pierson with Brian F. Smith & Associates was on hand to give an overview of the ranch house and to answer questions. Several issues were raised including the period of significance (1929 to 1960), details of which portions of the structure are original and which are not and should a formal report be prepared covering additional historic aspects of the residence.

**Today's Action:** Staff to prepare a letter to Historian Larry Pierson and owners with board comments.

A motion was made by Steve Estrada to continue the proposed project to the May or June meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmen Lucas.  
Motion carried 6-0.

## **OTHER**

### **ITEM 4 – CLG GRANT – SURVEY OF OLDER COUNTY PARKS**

**Description:** County Parks has prepared a CLG grant application for funds to survey the older County Parks. This request goes to the Board of Supervisors on April 21 for approval to apply for the grant. It is recognized that as the grant currently is structured, Parks is short on the matching. Parks will be looking for some grant match funds to make up the difference. Parks is looking for the Historic Site Board to recommend approval of the CLG grant proposal.

County of San Diego Historian Lynne Christenson prepared the CLG grant application and discussed the details with the board. The application will go before the Board of Supervisors in April 21<sup>st</sup> and will be on the consent agenda. The purpose of the grant is to acquire funds to determine the significance of structures within County Parks. The structures to be evaluated are listed in the Grant proposal. Matching funds will be made available by Parks. Lynne requested a letter from the Board to recommend approval.

**Today's Action:** Recommend approval of the CLG grant application.

A motion was made by Paul Johnson to recommend approval of the CLG grant.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Estrada.  
Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Steve Estrada to have Steve draft a letter in support of the CLG grant application.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Royle  
Motion carried 6-0

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 5 – OLD BONSALE SCHOOLHOUSE**

**Location:** 31505 Old River Road, Bonsale

**Description:** The Old Bonsale Schoolhouse is located on the grounds of the Bonsale Unified School District (APN's 126-070-26-00, 126-300-04 and 51) and is now used as a community meeting hall. The location of the school today is close to its original site. It was moved a short distance when the current Bonsale School district buildings and drives were constructed. The building is in fair to good condition, and has been kept up by the Bonsale Lions Club, but the contract between the Lions Club and the School

District has ended and the Women's Club would like to take on the responsibility for its upkeep and would like to know how best to preserve the resource.

**Today's Action:** Provide suggestions to the Bonsall Women's Club how to best preserve the Old Bonsall Schoolhouse

Bonsall Women's Club members Margarette Morgan and Elaine Davis attended the meeting to explain in detail the history of the schoolhouse and the role of the Women's club in the preservation of the schoolhouse. A question was raised as to the jurisdiction over the schoolhouse – the County of San Diego or the Bonsall school board. The Women's Club would like a letter from the Board, to be presented to the Bonsall School District, explaining the protection provided by the landmark designation as opposed to a Zoning "H" special designator. Any proposed restoration, repair or relocation would require the recommended approval of the County Historic Site Board. County Staff will prepare the letter.

### **ITEM 6 - MT HELIX FENCES**

**Applicant:** Homeowners of Halo Circle, La Mesa; John Grasberger – representative.

**Description:** The homeowners of Halo Circle, a private street near the top of Mt. Helix, have had a serious problem with illegal parking along the stone wall on Mt. Helix Drive just above Halo Circle. Other problems include loud music, loitering and trash much of which is tossed over the wall onto private property. Although parking is prohibited on the street and along the wall, "No Parking" signs and the infrequent patrols of the sheriff and Highway Patrol have failed to deter or minimize the problem. The owners are requesting an "H" Designator waiver of Site Plan Review. Before the Department can make a final decision on their request, the project must be presented to the Historic Site Board for a recommendation. The homeowners have been meeting with Landscape Architect Steve Estrada to determine the best way to deter illegal parking and other problems associated with the stone wall.

**Today's Action:** This project has been under consideration since October 2003 and has been continued because of the complexity of the issues and the necessity of finding a solution that would gain the approval of all parties involved. Steve Estrada has been meeting with DPW and Mt. Helix representative John Grasberger to determine a course of action agreeable to all that would protect the Mt. Helix walls. DPW is reluctant to proceed. They suggested that letters of support from the HSB and others would be helpful. Staff recommends that the board consider a letter of support at this time.

### **ITEM 5 – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next meeting will take place on Monday, June 21, 2004
- Mt. Helix fences

### **ITEM 6 – ADJOURNMENT**

7:46 P.M.

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**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:**

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**Chairman, Jim Royle**

**July 19, 2004**

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**Vice Chairman, Charles Muse**

**July 19, 2004**